

Version With Markings To Show Changes Made

The specification has been amended as follows to include the priority data:

--This application is a § 371 of International Application No. PCT /EP00/08994, filed September 14, 2000.--

The claims have been amended as follows:

5. (Amended) The nucleic acid of [any one of claims 1 to 4] claim 1 comprising an open reading frame encoding a protein comprising a component sequence of at least 200 amino acids in length being at least 85% identical to an aligned component of SEQ ID NO: 10.

-- 14. (New) The nucleic acid of claim 2 comprising an open reading frame encoding a protein comprising a component sequence of at least 200 amino acids length in length being at least 85% identical to an aligned component of SEQ ID NO: 10.

15. (New) The nucleic acid of claim 3 comprising an open reading frame encoding a protein comprising a component sequence of at least 200 amino acids in length being at least 85% identical to an aligned component of SEQ ID NO: 10.

16. (New) The nucleic acid of claim 4 comprising an open reading frame encoding a protein comprising a component sequence of at least 200 amino acids in length being at least 85% identical to an aligned component of SEQ ID NO: 10.--